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LOK SABHA

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RATE OF PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is a difference in the rate of production on irrigated and non-irrigated land in the country;

(b) if so, the average rate of production on the irrigated land;

(c) the assessment regarding the average rate of production on the non-irrigated land; and

(d) the steps taken to increase the production on the irrigated and non-irrigated land?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): According to the information furnished by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research,the average rates of production on the irrigated and non-irrigated land for some of the principal crops are shown in the table below:

Productivity in Kg. per hectare

Crop	On Non-Irrigated land	on Irrigated land
Rice	951	2421
Coarse Cereals	888	1524
Oilseeds	538	766
Pulses	746	919
Cotton	177	315

(d): In order to improve the agricultural production and productivity, the Government have taken a number of initiatives such as promotion of watershed development programmes, on farm water management for increasing production in Eastern India, emphasis on developing and promoting new technologies, measures for increasing availability of agricultural credit, Market Information Network, National Agricultural Insurance Scheme etc.Besides, the Government also encourage farmers to increase production through price policy which includes implementation of Minimum Support Price and MarketIntervention Schemes. Apart from these, the Government have also adopted macro-management mode for providing assistance to the States which gives flexibility to States to address specific problems faced by them depending on local requirements, avoid overlapping in the contents of different schemes and aim at all round development of agriculture.